

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The big, (but not surprising), news this week was that the latest tax-limiting measure proposed by Tim Eyman, Initiative 1366, was struck down by a King County Superior Court Judge as unconstitutional. This measure would have required a 1% drop in the sales tax if the state legislature did not submit a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote of the legislature for any tax increases to a vote of the people this fall.

Though not unexpected, this decision does clear the way for budget writers to craft a Supplemental Operating Budget with the same revenue assumptions that they used to craft their Biennial Budget last summer. With this hurdle out of the way, there really is nothing to keep the legislature from adjourning on time this year.

While the court system was clarifying the budget and revenue picture for the 2016 Legislature, nervous legislators were trying to get their bills out of the original policy committees they have been referred to before next Friday's, (February 5th), Policy Committee Cutoff Deadline. At that time, any bill that has not moved out of the original committee it was sent to will be "dead".

This first cutoff deadline will "kill" nearly all of the bills from the 2015 session, and the vast majority of those introduced this year. The only measures that this deadline does not apply to are budgets, and measures necessary to implement those budgets.

Sen. Darnielle's long-awaited bill to establish a Conservation District online election pilot project was introduced today, and referred to the Senate Government Operations & Security Committee. Though I'm not sure what WACD's position on this bill will be until others have the chance to look at it carefully, it has some "legislative findings" in Section 1 that are not flattering:

"The legislature finds that many voters are not even aware of the existence of conservation districts, and thus do not vote in elections for conservation district supervisors. Voter participation in conservation district elections has been as low as 1% in some instances."

Though it was introduced very late in this short legislative session, SB 6600 will receive a public hearing in front of the Senate Government Operations & Security Committee next Thursday, February 4th, at 10:00 AM. Any conservation district that has thoughts on this bill should forward them to Dave pretty quickly so that WACD will be able to craft testimony regarding how this pilot project should be configured.

In order to stay "alive" for the 2016 Session, SB 6600 will need to be voted out of this committee by the following day. Since it is on the same agenda with the proposed constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to raise taxes, it could very easily just run out of time. Additionally, since SB 6600 would require a \$250,000 appropriation to implement, the lack of funding for anything but wildfires this year will make that appropriation another difficult hurdle for it to overcome.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

| | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1104 Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production. | Schmick | Monitor | H, Public Safety |
| 1116 Concerning the supplemental capital budget. | Dunshee | Monitor | H, Cap Budget |

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| 1189 | Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records. | S. Hunt | Monitor | H, Rules 3C |
| 1237 | Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their property from forest fires. | Kretz | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 1264 | Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges. | Wilcox | Support | H, Local Govt |
| S1684 | Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Takko | Support | H, Rules R |
| 1691 | Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act. | Van De Wege | Monitor | H, State Governme |
| 2352 | Regarding riparian restoration and planting on farmlands. | Stanford | Oppose | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 2376 | Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations. | Dunshee | Monitor | H, Approps |
| 2380 | Concerning the supplemental capital budget. | Tharinger | Monitor | H, Cap Budget |
| 2576 | Concerning public records act requests to local agencies. | McBride | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 2840 | Establishing a water discharge permit for concentrated animal feeding operations that is issued under the sole authority of state law. | Pettigrew | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 6201 | Concerning the supplemental capital budget. | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Ways & Means |
| 6568 | Establishing a water discharge permit for concentrated animal feeding operations that is issued under the sole authority of state law. | Warnick | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEcD |
| 6600 | Online election pilot (Supplement not yet available.) | | Monitor | S, GovtOp&Sec |

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

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| E1187 | Concerning best practices for water banks. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/15) | Chandler | Monitor | H, 3rd Reading |
| 1214 | Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act. | Scott | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 1215 | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act. | Scott | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 1216 | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act. | Scott | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 1224 | Accelerating the rate of wolf recovery in Washington. | Kretz | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 1225 | Increasing the social acceptance of endangered species recovery by providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species. | Kretz | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 1425 | Ensuring that entities performing government functions and advisory committees are subject to the open public meetings act and public records act. | Pollet | Monitor | H, State Governme |
| 1508 | Providing permissive authority for counties to assume authority over local forest fire management. | Kretz | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 1509 | Giving priority selection to forest fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically close to fire suppression activities. | Kretz | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| S1676 | Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Short | Monitor | H, Rules 3C |
| 2353 | Concerning civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public meetings act. | S. Hunt | Monitor | H, SGDP |
| 2427 | Concerning local government modernization. | Springer | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 2478 | Supporting agricultural production, including that of apiarists, through the preservation of forage for pollinators. | Peterson | Monitor | H, Rules R |
| 2616 | Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts. | Buys | Monitor | H, Environment |

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| 2721 | Ensuring that a new federal government definition of the term "waters of the United States" has no applicability to the regulation of water quality in the state of Washington. | Scott | Support | H, Environment |
| 2735 | Concerning allowable uses of agricultural lands. | Buys | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 2747 | Concerning wetlands. | Scott | Monitor | H, Environment |
| 2925 | Concerning accessing land during a fire suppression response for the purpose of protecting livestock from a wildland fire. | Dent | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 2928 | Ensuring that restrictions on outdoor burning for air quality reasons do not impede measures necessary to ensure forest resiliency to catastrophic fires. | Kretz | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 4205 | Requiring all revenues from any state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects. | Pike | Monitor | H, Approps |
| 5060 | Improving relationships between agricultural producers and state regulatory staff. | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEcD |
| 5062 | Concerning water quality enforcement procedure. | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEcD |
| 5168 | Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act. | Warnick | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEc |
| 5169 | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act. | Warnick | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEc |
| 5170 | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act. | Warnick | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEcD |
| 5204 | Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits. | Parlette | Support | S, Rules 3 |
| S5320 | Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Rules 2 |
| ES5347 | Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/15) | Hobbs | Monitor | S, Rules 3 |
| 5445 | Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption. | Liias | Monitor | S, Energy, Enviro |
| S5583 | Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Dansel | Monitor | S, Rules 3 |
| S5584 | Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Dansel | Monitor | S, Ways & Means |
| S5622 | Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Sheldon | Monitor | S, Rules 3 |
| S5799 | Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Fain | Monitor | S, Rules 3 |
| 6168 | Removing drainage ditches from the definition of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas in chapter 36.70A RCW. | Angel | Support | S, GovtOp&Sec |
| 6175 | Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts. | Ericksen | Monitor | S, Energy, Enviro |
| S6179 | Concerning water banking. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Rules 2 |
| 6246 | Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations. | Hill | Monitor | S, Ways & Means |

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| 6362 | Concerning tribal cultural resources protection in the forest practices act. | Chase | Monitor | S, Natural Resour |
| 6392 | Enhancing transparency for certain state agency acquisitions under the Washington wildlife and recreation program. | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Natural Resour |
| 6551 | Concerning a notice of violation for discharges from agricultural activity on agricultural land based on information provided to the department of ecology by a third party. | Warnick | Monitor | S, Ag/Water/RurEcD |

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------|
| 1032 | Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit. | Blake | Support | H, Rules 3C |
| S1079 | Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Kochmar | Monitor | H, State Governmen |
| 1202 | Providing that an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology may be abrogated by act of the governor or either house of the legislature. | Scott | Monitor | H, State Governme |
| 1203 | Limiting the enforcement of administrative rules and policies. | Scott | Monitor | H, State Governme |
| 1204 | Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology. | Scott | Monitor | H, State Governme |
| 1589 | Concerning natural resource management activities. | Taylor | Monitor | H, Environment |
| ES1685 | Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15) | Gregerson | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| S1710 | Fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Tarleton | Monitor | H, Approps |
| 1992 | Restoring resources to the capital budget. | Stanford | Monitor | H, Approps |
| 2155 | Relating to local government finance. | Reykdal | Monitor | H, Finance |
| ES2156 | Relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties. | Reykdal | Monitor | H, Finance |
| 2157 | Relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments to ensure the continued provision of vital public services and high quality of life in Washington communities. | Carlyle | Monitor | H, Finance |
| 2158 | Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts. | Carlyle | Monitor | H, Finance |
| 2420 | Concerning small parcels of land used for agricultural or rural development purposes. | Pike | Monitor | H, Local Govt |
| 2480 | Concerning state natural resource-related agencies providing financial assistance to agencies of the federal government. | Blake | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res |
| 2658 | Concerning tribal cultural resources protection in the forest practices act. | Ortiz-Self | Monitor | H, Comm Dev, Hous |
| 5522 | Expanding the definition of special district to include lake water quality districts. | Sheldon | Monitor | S, GovtOp&StSec |
| 5533 | Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act. | Hobbs | Monitor | S, GovtOp&StSec |
| 5551 | Concerning salmon recovery project funds. | Pearson | Monitor | S, Natural Resour |
| S5972 | Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Schoesler | Monitor | S, Rules 3 |
| 6035 | Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account. | Rivers | Monitor | S, Ways & Means |
| 6039 | Funding certain programs that provide support to farms. | Pearson | Monitor | S, Ways & Means |
| 6162 | Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council and account. | Honeyford | Support | S, Ways & Means |
| 6347 | Concerning forest fire prevention and suppression. | Hobbs | Monitor | S, Natural Resour |

DEAD BILLS

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| 5013 | Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands. | Honeyford | Monitor | S, Rules X |
| 5769 | Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands. | Schoesler | Support | S, Rules X |

CALENDAR ITEMS

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| 1/28/2016 | 2658 | Tribal cultural resources | Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs | 8:30 AM | HHR E |
| 1/28/2016 | 2427 | Local gov. modernization | Local Government | 1:30 PM | HHR D |
| 1/28/2016 | 2576 | Local agency public records | Local Government | 1:30 PM | HHR D |
| 1/28/2016 | 2840 | Water discharge permits | Agriculture & Natural Resources | 1:30 PM | HHR B |
| 1/28/2016 | 6362 | Tribal cultural resources | Natural Resources & Parks | 1:30 PM | SHR 1 |
| 2/2/2016 | 6551 | Ag. activity discharges | Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development | 8:00 AM | SHR 3 |
| 2/2/2016 | 6568 | Water discharge permits | Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development | 8:00 AM | SHR 3 |
| 2/2/2016 | 2420 | Small parcels/ag & rural dev | Local Government | 10:00 AM | HHR D |
| 2/2/2016 | 2427 | Local gov. modernization | Local Government | 10:00 AM | HHR D |
| 2/2/2016 | 2480 | Natural res agencies/fed gov | Agriculture & Natural Resources | 10:00 AM | HHR B |
| 2/2/2016 | 2928 | Outdoor burning/forest fires | Agriculture & Natural Resources | 10:00 AM | HHR B |
| 2/2/2016 | 2616 | Watershed management actions | Environment | 1:30 PM | HHR B |
| 2/3/2016 | 2427 | Local gov. modernization | Local Government | 8:00 AM | HHR D |
| 2/3/2016 | 2925 | Wildland fires/livestock | Agriculture & Natural Resources | 8:00 AM | HHR B |
| 2/4/2016 | 6600 | Online election pilot | Government Operations & Security | 10:00 AM | SHR 2 |
| 2/4/2016 | 2427 | Local gov. modernization | Local Government | 1:30 PM | HHR D |
| 2/4/2016 | 2480 | Natural res agencies/fed gov | Agriculture & Natural Resources | 1:30 PM | HHR B |

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1032

HABITAT PROJECTS

BLAKE

Representatives Blake and Hurst

Encourages habitat projects that provide a public benefit by providing an exemption for the application fee for a hydraulic project permit or permit modification.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1032.pdf>

S1079

JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS

KOCHMAR

House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Kochmar, Takko, Pike, Springer, Fitzgibbon, S. Hunt, Gregerson, and Stanford)

Authorizes any two or more public agencies to enter into a contract providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services if certain conditions are met.

Companion Bill: 5348 Joint utilization contracts C, 232 L 15

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1079-s.pdf>

1104

INTERFERENCE W/AG PRODUCTION

SCHMICK

Representatives Schmick and Wilcox

Creates the crime of interference with agricultural production.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1104.pdf>

1116 CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris

DUNSHEE
Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5096 Capital sup budget 2015 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1116.pdf>

E1187 WATER BANKING BEST PRACTICES

Representatives Chandler, Blake, Buys, Stanford, Hayes, and Parker

CHANDLER

Establishes the Yakima basin water banking best practices act to establish standards for water banking in the Yakima basin.

Companion Bill: 5014 Water banking best practices S, Rules 3

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1187.e.pdf>

1189 CITY, DISTRICT PUBL. RECORDS

Representatives S. Hunt, Holy, Bergquist, Johnson, Appleton, and Buys

S. HUNT

Requires cities, towns, and special purpose districts that customarily do not maintain regular office hours to post, on the agency headquarters location and their web site, directions on how to contact agency personnel to inspect or copy public records.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1189.pdf>

1202 ECOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

SCOTT

Provides that, if the governor by executive order or either house of the legislature by resolution declares an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology to be abrogated, the rule or policy is null and void and of no force or effect.

Companion Bill: 5367 Ecology administrative rules S, Energy, Enviro

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1202.pdf>

1203 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & POLICY

Representatives Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Vick, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

SCOTT

Prohibits a rule or policy of any state agency from being enforced unless and until the rule or policy has been adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, codified in the Washington Administrative Code, and ratified by act of the legislature.

Companion Bill: 5368 Administrative rules & policy S, Rules 2

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1203.pdf>

1204 ECOLOGY POLICIES ENFORCEMENT

Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, and Young

SCOTT

Prohibits any policy of the department of ecology from being enforced unless and until it has been adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, codified in the Washington Administrative Code, and ratified by act of the legislature.

Companion Bill: 5366 Ecology policies enforcement S, Energy, Enviro
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1204.pdf>

1214 **AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT** **SCOTT**
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Condotta, Young,
and McCaslin

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 5168 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act S, Ag/Water/RurEc
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1214.pdf>

1215 **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA** **SCOTT**
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Young, and
McCaslin

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 5169 Ag land conversion/GMA S, Ag/Water/RurEc
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1215.pdf>

1216 **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA** **SCOTT**
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Haler, Young, and
McCaslin

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.
Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 5170 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1216.pdf>

1224 **WOLF RECOVERY, RATE OF** **KRETZ**
Representatives Kretz and Short

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a pilot project to explore active wolf recovery options as an alternative to passive population dispersal.
Exempts the intrastate translocation of wolves by the department of fish and wildlife from environmental impact statement requirements when conducted for the purposes of recovering wolf populations.
Expires June 30, 2019.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1224.pdf>

1225 **SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM.** **KRETZ**
Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Wilcox, Scott, and Buys

Requires the fish and wildlife commission, if it has listed a species statewide as endangered, threatened, or sensitive in this state, to consider any petitions for removing a species from classification or changing the classification of the species, on a regional basis.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1225.pdf>

1237 **LANDOWNERS AND FOREST FIRES** **KRETZ**

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Dent, Lytton, Manweller, Pettigrew, Short, Scott, Buys, and Condotta

Authorizes certain landowners, landowners' agents, and other persons to access land owned or managed by the department of natural resources or the department of fish and wildlife to construct a fire line or take other preventive measures intended to stop or slow the spread of a fire onto property owned by, or under the responsibility of, the actor.

Provides that, for the purposes of this act: (1) Accessing department of natural resources-managed land for the purposes of fire suppression is considered authorized access; and

(2) Cutting and/or removing timber for the purposes of fire suppression is considered an authorized activity.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1237.pdf>

1 2 6 4 CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES **WILCOX**
Representatives Wilcox, Blake, MacEwen, Gregerson, Lytton, and Zeiger

Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges of conservation districts.

Companion Bill: 5322 Conservation district rates C, 88 L 15

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1264.pdf>

1 4 2 5 ADVISORY COMMITTEES, ETC. **POLLET**
Representatives Pollet, Kretz, S. Hunt, Appleton, Bergquist, Holy, Tarleton, Hargrove, and Kochmar

Subjects to the open public meetings act and the public records act, certain advisory boards, committees, and other entities performing government functions.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1425.pdf>

1 5 0 8 LOCAL FOREST FIRES/CNTY MGMT **KRETZ**
Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Reykdal, and Condotta

Authorizes a county to create a local forest fire protection division that is responsible for preventing and responding to forest fires in the county.

Authorizes two or more counties to organize into a single local forest fire protection division.

Requires notification to the department of natural resources of the creation of a local forest fire protection division within thirty days of its creation.

Requires the department of natural resources to, upon the request of a county's local forest fire protection division, assist the county in any fire response necessary to protect public safety.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1508.pdf>

1 5 0 9 FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION **KRETZ**
Representatives Kretz, Blake, Reykdal, and Condotta

Requires the department of natural resources, in implementing the authority to direct the work of forest fire suppression, to give first priority to fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically closer to the actual fire suppression activities.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1509.pdf>

1 5 8 9 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT **TAYLOR**
Representatives Taylor, Shea, Harris, Short, G. Hunt, Scott, Pike, and Condotta

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to manage acquired lands using the best available land management techniques which may include: (1) Issuance or reissuance of grazing leases;

(2) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;

- (3) Issuance of leases for brush picking;
- (4) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain public and recreational land; and
- (5) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use existing roads in nonresidential areas.

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S 1676 WILD UNGULATES, PREDATION **SHORT**

House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Lytton, Kretz, and Blake)

Requires the University of Washington, through the predator ecology lab in the school of environmental and forest sciences, to conduct an independent, scientific, blind peer-reviewed study assessing the health of the state's wild ungulate population in game management units that have experienced a change in predator population dynamics due to the recovery of gray wolves.

Expires July 1, 2019.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1676-s.pdf>

S 1684 PUBLIC RECORDS, CHARGES FOR **TAKKO**

House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Nealey, Springer, S. Hunt, Gregerson, Walsh, Manweller, Fagan, Moeller, Wylie, Tharinger, and Jinkins)

Allows state agencies to charge for public records that they provide electronically.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1684-s.pdf>

ES 1685 WASHINGTON FOOD POLICY FORUM **GREGERSON**

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Hudgins, McBride, Peterson, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, Orwall, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Senn, Lytton, Appleton, Ryu, Tharinger, Moscoso, Ormsby, Fey, and Jinkins)

Creates the Washington food policy forum as a public-private partnership.

Places responsibility with the director of the conservation commission for appointing participating members of the forum.

Requires the forum to: (1) Develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals; and

(2) Coordinate with the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources, and review, consider, and discuss the study described in section 3 of this act that must be performed by the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources.

Expires July 1, 2017.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1685-s.e.pdf>

1691 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, REMEDIES **VAN DE WEGE**

Representatives Van De Wege, S. Hunt, and Tharinger

Authorizes a court to impose a fine on a responsible agency for denying the right to inspect or copy certain public records.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1691.pdf>

S 1710 FOOD SUPPLY, IN-STATE **TARLETON**

House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Tarleton, Walkinshaw, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Sawyer, Peterson, Gregerson, and Hudgins)

Requires the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources to study the economic development

of the local food system in the state.

Requires Washington State University to form an advisory committee to provide technical information, advice, and assistance in completing the study.

Makes appropriations.

Provides that section 2 of this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Expires December 31, 2016.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1710-s.pdf>

1992 CAPITAL BUDGET RESOURCES **STANFORD**
Representatives Stanford, Pike, Orcutt, Reykdal, Walsh, Hayes, Harris, Moscoso,
Appleton, Fey, Pollet, Condotta, Takko, Bergquist, Ormsby, Tarleton, Senn, Jinkins, and
Wilson

Restores resources to the capital budget beginning with the 2015-2017 biennium.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1992.pdf>

2155 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE T.O. **REYKDAL**
Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to local government finance.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2155.pdf>

ES2156 CITIES AND COUNTIES/FISCAL **REYKDAL**
Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2156-s.e.pdf>

2157 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL T.O. **CARLYLE**
Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2157.pdf>

2158 SPEC PURPOSE TX DISTRICT T.O. **CARLYLE**
Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to modifying the taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2158.pdf>

2352 FARMLANDS/RIPARIAN PLANTING **STANFORD**
Representative Stanford

Revises farmlands preservation account provisions with regard to: (1) Riparian restoration and planting on farmlands;
(2) Federally recognized Indian tribes in the state; and
(3) The allocation of funds for environmental enhancement or restoration projects with salmon habitats.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2352.pdf>

2353

OPMA CIVIL PENALTIES

S. HUNT

Representatives S. Hunt, Stokesbary, Gregerson, Johnson, Haler, and Pollet

Requested by
Attorney General

Modifies the structure of civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public meetings act.

Companion Bill: 6171 OPMA civil penalties S, GovtOp&Sec

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2353.pdf>

2376

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2016

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee and Chandler

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Makes 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 6246 Operating sup budget 2016 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2376.pdf>

2380

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET

THARINGER

Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

Companion Bill: 6201 Supplemental capital budget S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2380.pdf>

2420

SMALL PARCELS/AG & RURAL DEV

PIKE

Representatives Pike and Taylor

Makes clear that: (1) Agricultural activities can occur on small parcels of land; and (2) No interpretation of the growth management act or implementing development regulations should restrict the existence of small parcels for agricultural activities.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2420.pdf>

2427

LOCAL GOV. MODERNIZATION

SPRINGER

Representatives Springer, Stokesbary, Fitzgibbon, Muri, Appleton, and Kilduff

Revises certain local government statutes to reflect technological and organizational change.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2427.pdf>

2478

POLLINATOR FORAGE PRESERV.

PETERSON

Representatives Peterson, Stambaugh, Buys, Dent, Gregerson, Riccelli, Orwall, Stanford, Blake, Sawyer, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Tarleton, McBride, Moscoso, Bergquist, Pollet, S. Hunt, Goodman, and Wilcox

Requires the state noxious weed control board to conduct a pilot project that evaluates the options, methods, and costs of purposefully replacing pollen-rich and nectar-rich noxious weeds with either native or noninvasive, nonnative forage plants that can produce similar levels of pollen and nectar with a similar bloom succession to support populations of honey bees and other pollinators.

Requires all agencies, while conducting planned projects to ensure compliance with chapter 17.10 RCW, to give preference to replacing pollen-rich or nectar-rich noxious weeds with native forage plants that are beneficial for all pollinators, including honey bees.

Requires any corps project that involves the removal of noxious weeds to include the planting of pollen-rich and nectar-rich native

plants to provide forage for all pollinators, including honey bees.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2478.pdf>

2480 NATURAL RES AGENCIES/FED GOV **BLAKE**
Representatives Blake, Buys, and Scott

Requires a granting natural resource-related agency, before awarding a grant or loan from a natural resource-related agency to an agency of the federal government, to require the federal grant or loan recipient to agree to voluntarily subject itself to all state and local permitting requirements for all aspects of the activity or project that would apply to the activity or project if the grant or loan recipient was a private, nongovernmental entity or if the funded activity or project occurred on private, nongovernmental land.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2480.pdf>

2576 LOCAL AGENCY PUBLIC RECORDS **MCBRIDE**
Representatives McBride, Nealey, Ryu, Tarleton, Springer, S. Hunt, Johnson, Zeiger, Rossetti, Clibborn, Peterson, Haler, Hargrove, Jinkins, Gregerson, Senn, and Hickel

Revises the public records act with regard to requests to local agencies.
Creates the public records commission to administer the provisions of the public records act.
Authorizes public agencies to recover their costs for public records requests by charging a reasonable fee when records are requested for the purpose of sale or resale.
Creates the dedicated open records account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2576.pdf>

2616 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS **BUYS**
Representatives Buys, Blake, Van Werven, Chandler, and Wilcox

Revises watershed improvement district provisions with regard to watershed management actions.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2616.pdf>

2658 TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES **ORTIZ-SELF**
Representatives Ortiz-Self, Ryu, S. Hunt, Stanford, and Reykdal

Provides that the legislature declares and recognizes the importance of tribal cultural resources protection and intends to reinforce certain obligations and commitments of the state made to tribal governments.

Companion Bill: 6362 Tribal cultural resources S, Natural Resour

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2658.pdf>

2721 WATERS OF U.S. DEFINITION **SCOTT**
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Schmick, Dent, Van Werven, Buys, Griffey, McCaslin, Holy, and Manweller

Ensures that a new federal government definition of the term "waters of the United States" has no applicability to the regulation of water quality in this state.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2721.pdf>

2735 AGRICULTURAL LAND USES **BUYS**
Representatives Buys and Van Werven

Requires counties to allow canine kenneling and equine boarding on land zoned for agriculture.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2735.pdf>

2747

WETLANDS

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Young, Manweller, McCaslin, Holy, Shea, and Haler

Revises the definition of "wetlands" for purposes of the growth management act and the shoreline management act.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2747.pdf>

2840

WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

PETTIGREW

Representatives Pettigrew, Chandler, Blake, and Buys

Establishes the dairy farm and water resource sustainability act.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of agriculture, to establish a general permit that is available to concentrated animal feeding operations that discharge exclusively to groundwater.

Companion Bill: 6568 Water discharge permits S, Ag/Water/RurEcD

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2840.pdf>

2925

WILDLAND FIRES/LIVESTOCK

DENT

Representatives Dent, Blake, McCabe, Schmick, Chandler, Short, Griffey, Johnson, Dye, Haler, and Springer

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Allow livestock owners, or employees or agents of a livestock owner, to access public lands for the purpose of retrieving or caring for livestock that are lawfully present on the public lands during a fire suppression response affecting the land in question; and

(2) Include language that explains the right of access, and associated assumption of liability, in the text of a grazing lease.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2925.pdf>

2928

OUTDOOR BURNING/FOREST FIRES

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Schmick, Dunshee, Short, Haler, Stanford, and Chandler

Authorizes the department of natural resources to inspect an area and issue a burning permit for forest resiliency burning, if the burning is unlikely to significantly contribute to a violation of air quality standards.

Authorizes the department of natural resources, authorized employees, or a warden or ranger to refuse, revoke, or postpone the use of permits for forest resiliency burning if: (1) Necessary for the safety of adjacent property; or

(2) Burning poses an unreasonable risk of air pollution.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2928.pdf>

4205

LOCAL GOVT PUBLIC WORKS

PIKE

Representatives Pike, Reykdal, Klippert, Manweller, Rodne, Hayes, Buys, Vick, Johnson, Stanford, Bergquist, and Condotta

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require revenues from state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/4205.pdf>

5060

AG PRODUCERS & AGENCY STAFF

HONEYFORD

Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Initiates a public process employing the state conservation commission to test processes to clearly define agency roles, improve mutual understanding, and build improved working relationships between agricultural producers and personnel of the departments of ecology, agriculture, and fish and wildlife.
Expires July 1, 2020.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5060.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5060.pdf)

5062 WATER QUALITY ENFORCEMENT **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Extends the reporting deadline to the department of ecology for certain water pollution determinations.
Prohibits the department of ecology from issuing an order or directive unless the department demonstrates through site-specific testing or observation that the person receiving the order or directive is in fact causing pollution of the particular waters of the state identified in the order or directive.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5062.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5062.pdf)

5168 AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT **WARNICK**
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hatfield, Schoesler, and Benton

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 1214 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act H, Local Govt

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5168.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5168.pdf)

5169 AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA **WARNICK**
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hatfield, and Schoesler

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 1215 Ag land conversion/GMA H, Local Govt

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5169.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5169.pdf)

5170 AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA **WARNICK**
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hobbs, Schoesler, and Hatfield

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.
Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 1216 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA H, Local Govt

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5204 HYDRAULIC PROJECT PERMIT FEES **PARLETTE**
Senators Parlette, Pearson, and Warnick

Exempts from hydraulic project permit fees, emergency permits where the hydraulic project is necessitated by a fire, earthquake, storm, flood, or similar natural disaster or phenomena for which the governor has declared a state of emergency.
Expires June 30, 2017.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5204.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5204.pdf)

S 5320

REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD

HONEYFORD

Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Keiser, Ranker, Warnick, and Parlette)

Requested by
Recreation and Conservation Office

Addresses the administration of grant programs by the recreation and conservation funding board.

Companion Bill: 1392 Rec and conserv. funding brd C, 183 L 15

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5320-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5320-s.pdf)

E 5347

FLOOD PLAINS/AG LAND, ETC.

HOBBS

Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Hatfield, Warnick, Honeyford, and Pearson)

Requires the state conservation commission and the departments of agriculture, natural resources, fish and wildlife, and ecology to jointly identify and assess three demonstration projects, located in Whatcom, Snohomish, and Grays Harbor counties, that test the effectiveness and costs of river management.

Requires the departments to consult with and obtain the views of the federally recognized tribes that may be affected by each pilot project.

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5445

ALT. FUEL VEHICLE TAX EXEM

LIIAS

Senators Liias, Litzow, and Jayapal

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Delays, until July 1, 2025, the expiration of the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.

Companion Bill: 1925 Alt. fuel vehicle tax exem H, Finance

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5445.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5445.pdf)

5522

LAKE WATER QUALITY DISTRICTS

SHELDON

Senators Sheldon and Rivers

Revises the definition of "special district," for purposes of chapter 85.38 RCW (special district creation and operation), to include a lake water quality district.

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5533

ELECTRONIC DATA, CHARGES FOR

HOBBS

Senators Hobbs, Rivers, and Mullet

Authorizes local governments to charge a reasonable fee for electronic copies of public records requests.

Exempts from the fee, certain entities that are in the regular business of news gathering and disseminating news or information to the public, if the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a different use.

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5551

SALMON RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDS

PEARSON

Senators Pearson, Hatfield, and Chase

Prohibits the salmon recovery funding board from awarding funds for a project or activity if the project sponsor has, within ten calendar years before the date of the grant application, brought any legal action before a court or administrative tribunal against the state relating to hatchery facility operations.

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S 5583 SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM. DANSEL
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Dandel)

Requires the fish and wildlife commission, if it has listed a terrestrial mammal species statewide as endangered, threatened, or sensitive in this state, to consider any petitions for removing a species from classification on a regional basis.

Companion Bill: 1199 Species status/F&W comm. H, Ag & Nat Res
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5583-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5583-s.pdf)

S 5584 WATER QUALITY DETERMINATIONS DANSEL
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Dandel)

Requires water quality determinations, orders, and directives issued by the department of ecology to be based on a preponderance of actual site-based, source-specific environmental testing except for those that are issued concerning properties west of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5584-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5584-s.pdf)

S 5622 AGENCY LAND USE ACTIONS SHELDON
Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Miloscia, Angel, Becker, Warnick, and Pearson)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of ecology, where a significant agency action will change, supersede, or invalidate a local land use policy or will directly or indirectly diminish the allowed uses of a private property, to include in its required list of sources all empirical science relied upon by the agency in the course of preparing to take the significant agency action.

Companion Bill: 1963 Ecology & DFW, land use H, Environment
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5622-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5622-s.pdf)

S 5799 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS FAIN
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fain and Keiser)

Exempts levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. Expires January 1, 2023.

Companion Bill: 1940 Flood control zone districts C, 170 L 15
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5799-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5799-s.pdf)

S 5972 SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF SCHOESLER
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick)

Requires agencies, when purchasing seed, to require suppliers of seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the state department of agriculture or other agency authorized under the laws of any state, territory, or possession that has standards and procedures approved by the United States secretary of agriculture to ensure the identity and purity of seed.

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6035 PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE ACCT RIVERS
Senators Rivers, Mullet, Cleveland, Rolfes, Pearson, O'Ban, Hatfield, Hobbs, Brown, Liiias, Benton, Miloscia, Warnick, Chase, McCoy, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Jayapal, Hasegawa, Hewitt, Angel, Roach, and Conway

Limits the transfer of money from the public works assistance account during the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.

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6039

FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS

PEARSON

Senators Pearson and Benton

Makes an appropriation for the purposes of revitalizing the department of agriculture's farm-to-school program and the small farm direct marketing assistance program.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6039.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6039.pdf)

6162

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

HONEYFORD

Senators Honeyford, Rolfes, Chase, and Parlette

Requested by
Recreation and Conservation Office

Delays the expiration of the invasive species council and the invasive species council account until June 30, 2022.

Companion Bill: 2331 Invasive species council H, 2nd Reading

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6162.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6162.pdf)

6168

DRAINAGE DITCHES/HABITAT

ANGEL

Senator Angel

Revises the definition of "fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas," with regard to drainage ditches, for purposes of chapter 36.70A RCW (the growth management act).

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6168.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6168.pdf)

6175

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

ERICKSEN

Senator Ericksen

Revises watershed improvement district provisions with regard to watershed management actions.

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S6179

WATER BANKING

HONEYFORD

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)

Prohibits the department of ecology from using water banking to provide for mitigation of water resource impacts unless an adequate water supply is available for the purpose of providing mitigation.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Include a schedule or table for each water bank that shows: (a) The amount charged for mitigation; (b) the priority date of water made available for mitigation; and (c) the amount of water made available for mitigation; and (2) Update the schedule or table on a quarterly basis, using information provided to it by each water bank.

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6201

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET

HONEYFORD

Senators Honeyford and Keiser

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

Companion Bill: 2380 Supplemental capital budget H, Cap Budget
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6201.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6201.pdf)

6246 OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2016

Senators Hill and Hargrove

HILL

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Makes 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 2376 Operating sup budget 2016 H, Approps
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6246.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6246.pdf)

6347 FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

Senators Hobbs, Hargrove, and Conway

HOBBS

Addresses the department of natural resources' discretionary authority to take actions that may prevent approaching wildfire from destroying or damaging homes and other improvements.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Impose a per parcel assessment of four dollars and ninety-five cents on each taxable parcel of land within the state, except parcels that are exempt from property tax; and
(2) Transfer ten percent of the revenue collected from the parcel assessments into the military department active state service account.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6347.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6347.pdf)

6362 TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Senators Chase, Hasegawa, and McCoy

CHASE

Provides that the legislature declares and recognizes the importance of tribal cultural resources protection and intends to reinforce certain obligations and commitments of the state made to tribal governments.

Companion Bill: 2658 Tribal cultural resources H, Comm Dev, Hous
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6362.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6362.pdf)

6392 WILDLIFE & REC. ACQUISITIONS

Senators Honeyford and Pearson

HONEYFORD

Requires the parks and recreation commission, the department of natural resources, the department of enterprise services, and the department of fish and wildlife, when applying for funds for the acquisition of property owned by a nonprofit nature conservancy corporation or association, to include in its application a copy of the real estate excise tax affidavit associated with the nonprofit nature conservancy corporation or association's acquisition of the property, if an affidavit was required.

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6551 AG. ACTIVITY DISCHARGES

Senators Warnick, Becker, Pearson, Angel, Brown, and Schoesler

WARNICK

Requires the department of ecology, if it issues a notice of violation related to discharges from agricultural activity on agricultural land, based on information provided to the department by a third party, to, upon request, provide the name of the third party to the person receiving the notice of violation.

Prohibits the department of ecology from investigating a suspected discharge from agricultural activity on agricultural land based on information provided by an anonymous third party.

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6568 WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

WARNICK

Senator Warnick

Establishes the dairy farm and water resource sustainability act.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of agriculture, to establish a general permit that is available to concentrated animal feeding operations that discharge exclusively to groundwater.

Companion Bill: 2840 Water discharge permits H, Ag & Nat Res

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